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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Previously amended) A method for searching files stored on a network, comprising:

accessing a first file on the network;

downloading data from the first file; and

setting an accessing time to access a second file based on said data downloaded from the first file, wherein said data indicates when said second file is scheduled to be updated.

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the second file is an updated version of the same as the first file.

Claim 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a second file to download based on said data downloaded from the first file.

Claim 4. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said data comprises a channel definition file (CDF).

Claim 5. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said setting an accessing time comprises:

analyzing the data from the first file to estimate when a second file is scheduled to be updated; and assigning the accessing time based on said estimate of when the second file is scheduled to be updated.

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Claim 6. (Previously amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said setting an accessing time comprises:

analyzing the data from the first file to estimate when a second file is scheduled to be updated; and

assigning the accessing time based on said estimate of when the second file is scheduled to be updated.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A method for searching files on a network, comprising:

accessing a server on the network;

downloading data from a first file on said server; and

setting an accessing time to re-access the server based on said data downloaded from the first file, wherein said data indicates when a said second file is scheduled to be updated.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

accessing the server based upon using the accessing time; and

downloading a second file from the server.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the second file is an updated version of the same as the first file.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising selecting said a second file to download based on said data downloaded from the first file.

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Claim 11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising selecting said a second file to download based on said data downloaded from the first file.

Claim 12. (Previously amended) The method of claim 7, wherein said data comprises a channel definition file (CDF).

Claim 13. (Previously amended) The method of claim 7, wherein said setting an accessing time comprises:

analyzing the data from the first file to estimate when a second file is scheduled to be updated; and

assigning the accessing time based on said estimate of when the second file is scheduled to be updated.

Claim 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the accessing time is after the scheduled update of the second file.

Claim 15. (Previously amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said setting an accessing time comprises:

analyzing the data from the first file to estimate when a second file is scheduled to be updated; and

assigning the accessing time based on said estimate of when the second file is scheduled to be updated.

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Claim 16. (Previously amended) The method of claim 10, wherein setting an accessing time comprises:

analyzing the data from the first file to estimate when a second file is scheduled to be updated; and

assigning the accessing time based on said estimate of when the second file is scheduled to be updated.

Claim 17. (Previously amended) A system comprising a machine readable recording medium storing a program for searching through files stored on a network, said program including executable instructions for:

accessing a first file on the network; and

downloading data from the first file; and

setting an accessing time to access a second file based on said data downloaded from the first file, wherein said data indicates when said second file is scheduled to be updated.

Claim 18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the second file is an updated version of the same as the first file.

Claim 19. (Currently amended) The system of claim 17, further comprising selecting said a second file to access based on said data downloaded from the first file.

Claim 20. (Previously amended) The system of claim 17, wherein said data comprises a channel definition file (CDF).

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Claim 21. (Previously amended) The system of claim 17, wherein setting an accessing time comprises:

analyzing the data from the first file to estimate when a second file is scheduled to be updated; and

assigning the accessing time based on said estimate of when the second file is scheduled to be updated.

Claim 22. (Currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein setting an accessing time comprises:

analyzing the data from the first file to estimate when said a second file is scheduled to be updated; and

assigning the accessing time based on said estimate of when the second file is scheduled to be updated.

Claim 23. (Previously amended) A system for searching files stored on a network, comprising:

means for accessing a first file on the network;

means for downloading data from the first file; and

means for setting an accessing time to access a second file based on said data downloaded from the first file, wherein said data indicates when said second file is scheduled to be updated.